

CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

This department contains official notices, reports of county society proceedings and other information having to do with the State Association and its component county societies. The copy for the department is submitted by the State Association Secretary, to whom communications for this department should be sent. Rosters of State Association officers and committees and of component county societies and affiliated organizations, are printed in the front advertising section (Adv. pages 2, 4 and 6).

A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT PEERS

To the Members of the House of Delegates—Greeting:

Your President wishes to express to the House of Delegates collectively, and to the members of the House individually, his extreme pleasure because of the manner in which the Delegates at the Yosemite meeting showed, by their actions, that they place the interests of organized medicine, and the interests of the public, whom they serve far in advance of private desires, personal gain, or of personal ambition.

During the past years it has seemed, at times, to your President that, in the heat of argument, in the great differences of opinions held by members of the Association and by its duly-elected representatives, the interests of the profession might be momentarily forgotten. The word "momentarily" is used advisedly because, in his thirty years' experience in medical society work, he has learned that only an infinitesimal proportion of the Association members is actuated by other than the highest motives when engaged in its activities. But, in the heat of battle, in the clashing of different opinions and philosophies, actions may be taken which would work immeasurable harm to the profession and which, on cooler thought, are regretted. It is refreshing to your President, therefore, to see the "cooler thought" prevail before rather than afterwards.

In the trouble and turmoil of the past few years, you have seen many old maxims, many time-tried truths swept into the discard, and untried theories adopted in their place. The members of the 1935 House of Delegates of the California Medical Association have shown by their actions that the old maxim, "United we stand, divided we fall," still serves as a guide.

Your President knows only too well, and appreciates only too thoroughly, just how many heartaches were incurred, and how much self-sacrifice was accepted, by individual members at Yosemite, in order that the best interests of the medical profession might be served. He is immensely heartened by this evidence of devotion while, at the same time, he sorrows at its cost. He has increased confidence in the future, and is encouraged by the increasing evidence of the solidarity of the profession. Let us continue this evidence of coöperation and harmony. Your President is at your service.

Cordially and fraternally,

ROBERT A. PEERS, *President.*

SIDELIGHTS ON THE YOSEMITE ANNUAL SESSION

DINNER TO PRESIDENT CLARENCE G. TOLAND

The dinner tendered to President Clarence G. Toland was held on Tuesday evening, May 15, in Camp Curry Pavilion at Yosemite National Park. The dining-hall filled rapidly with the twelve hundred members and guests who had gathered to do honor to the retiring president. In spite of the handicaps incident to caring for so large a group in advance of the regular Park season, and at a time when many of the Park personnel were still becoming acquainted with their respective duties, the dinner was served with dispatch. It early became evident, from the general hum of conversation and laughter, that the members and guests had responded to the beauties of Yosemite Valley in full measure, and that with extra attractions such as the firefall, which was postponed from nine to the nine-thirty hour, the after-dinner speeches, even though scheduled on the menu cards as being each of only five minutes' length, would be more in the nature of gestures than of performance. And so it turned out to be. Toastmaster Kress, in order to make himself heard, made megaphonic efforts to reach all parts of the pavilion, but with only faint success. The humor of the situation appealed to all, however, and the speakers, as they were announced, received welcoming rounds of applause, although their kindly expressions were heard by only a few who sat close to the speakers' table. Council Chairman Kelly was equal to the occasion, and gave his speech in the sign language. Immediately after dinner the guests adjourned to witness the spectacular firefall, after which the light-fantastic was tripped in the adjacent dancing pavilion.

Excerpts from the printed menu cards follow:

CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

SIXTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

MAY 13-16, 1935

PRESIDENT'S DINNER

Honoring President Clarence G. Toland, M.D.

"Five Minute Courses"

J. S. MCLESTER, M.D.

President-Elect, American Medical Association

"Titles of honor add not to his worth

Who is to himself an honor to his titles."

Lady's Trial, Act I, Sc. 3

E. STARR JUDD, M.D.

Past President, American Medical Association

"A great man is made up of qualities

That meet or make great occasions."

Study Window—Lowell

ROBERT A. PEERS, M.D.

President-Elect

"An honest man, close-buttoned to the chin,

Broadcloth without, and a warm heart within."

Cowper

T. HENSHAW KELLY, M.D.

Chairman of the Council

"He mouths a sentence as curs mouth a bone."

The Rosciad, L. 322

PRESIDENT CLARENCE G. TOLAND, M.D.

"He hath a heart as sound as a bell

And his tongue is his clapper,

For what his heart thinks his tongue speaks."

Much Ado About Nothing, Act III, Sc. 2

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ENTERTAINMENT

"To mourn a mischief that is past and gone

Is the next way to draw new mischief on."

Othello, Act I, Sc. 3

PARK STROLLERS—

As and when you see them during dinner.

FIREFALL FEEDING BEARS

DANCING

"Most glorious night!

Thou wert not sent for slumber."

Don Juan, Canto II, St. 152

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"Diverse men have diverse recreations and exercises."

Burton, Anatomy of Melancholy

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MENU

"O hour of all hours, the most bless'd on Earth,

The blessed hour of our dinners."

Lucile, Pt. I, Canto II, St. 23

Fruit Cocktail

Green Olives

Crisp Celery Hearts

Consomme, Julienne

Poached Salmon with Egg Sauce

Sirloin Steak with Mushroom Sauce

Potatoes au Gratin

Buttered New Peas

Mixed Green Salad with French Dressing

Hot Dinner Rolls

Biscuit Tortoni

Demi-tasse

Camp Curry, Yosemite National Park - - May 14, 1935

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LUNCHEON OF THE COUNTY SOCIETY SECRETARIES

President-elect Peers presided at the combined state and county officers' luncheon, which was held at the Ahwahnee Hotel in the Yosemite Valley, Wednesday noon, May 15. There were present most of the councilors and state officers and several officers of the component county societies.* Following introductory remarks by the president-elect, short addresses were given by many of those present, including President Toland, who outlined the work of the past year and paid tribute to the work of the councilors and to Secretary Warnshuis; General Counsel Peart, who discussed legal matters of interest to the component county societies, and warned of the pitfalls which await the unwary who proceed without proper legal advice; Dr. J. B. Harris, who sketched legislative problems and difficulties which confront organized medicine, as seen by the chairman of the Legislative Committee; and Dr. C. A. Dukes, who spoke on the present and contemplated activities of the Department of Public Relations.

At this point Past President O. D. Hamlin, who arrived late, was tendered a warm greeting by those present.

Dr. F. C. Warnshuis, secretary-treasurer and director of the Committee on Public Relations, explained how the state office can serve the county officers and the individual members of the medical profession. He urged all county officers to call upon the central office of the Association at any and all times, and to carry back to their members the message, that he and the personnel of his office are willing and anxious to be of service at any and all times. Secretary Warnshuis then presented Mr. Milton Silverman, who has been serving the society as publicity agent for the past two months.

Brief discussions by Secretary Moore of the Alameda County Medical Society, Doctor Strickler, first vice-president of the San Francisco County Society, Doctor Butler of Sonoma, Doctor Cushman of Mendocino County, and others, followed. The meeting was closed by remarks from the editor, Dr. George H. Kress.

It was the general opinion of all present that the importance of meetings between the state officers and the officers of the component county societies has not been sufficiently stressed. It was generally agreed that, instead of being merely a secretaries' luncheon, it should be a luncheon to all county officers. The value of such meetings in promoting a better understanding by the members of the California Medical Association,

* Present were eighteen state officers and seventeen officers of component county societies.

through the county society officers, of the responsibilities and activities of the state officers, and in providing an equal opportunity for the officers of the California Medical Association to become better acquainted with the needs and problems of the county societies, was particularly stressed. Also, Doctor Warnshuis' suggestion for a mid-winter meeting of the officers of the California Medical Association and the officers of the component county societies where such problems could come up for discussion, received much favorable comment.

R. A. P.

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FIRST ANNUAL REUNION OF PAST-PRESIDENTS

This, the first of what it is hoped will become an annual reunion of the past presidents of the California Medical Association, was initiated by an informal breakfast in the alcove of the main dining-room of the Ahwahnee Hotel at 7:30 o'clock on the morning of May 14. By direction of the Council, President-elect Robert A. Peers presided. Of the eleven past presidents in attendance at the annual convention, nine, or 82 per cent, attended. In addition to the following past presidents, George H. Kress (1917), C. Van Zwahlenburg (1919), John H. Graves (1922), Edward N. Ewer (1926), William H. Kiger (1927), Lyell C. Kinney (1929), Morton R. Gibbons (1930), Junius B. Harris (1931), and George G. Reinle (1933), the following invited guests were present: Dr. James S. McLester, president-elect of the American Medical Association, and Dr. C. G. Toland, president of the California Medical Association.

Following the breakfast, Chairman Peers stated that many members of the Council at the convention held in Riverside, feeling that we could ill afford to lose the benefit of the experience and counsel of our past presidents, and realizing also that some recognition should be extended them for their previous services, were moved to instruct the secretary to arrange for a meeting of our distinguished former officers at some time during the 1935 session. In accordance with these instructions, Secretary Warnshuis arranged the Tuesday morning breakfast.

After stating that he hoped this would become an annual event and that out of the meeting there would grow a permanent organization to be known, perhaps, as the "Past Presidents' Club," the chairman introduced Dr. James S. McLester, president-elect of the American Medical Association, who delivered a greeting from that body, and spoke briefly upon the subject of medical economics.

Following Doctor McLester's remarks, there were addresses by each of those present, commencing with the senior past president present, Doctor Kress, and then the junior past president, Doctor Reinle, and President Toland. Everyone reiterated the hope of the chairman, that the meeting would result in the formation of a permanent organization.

The undersigned looks forward with pleasant anticipation to the reunion in Coronado in 1936, and hopes that there may be a record attendance of 100 per cent.

ROBERT A. PEERS.

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The following observations are intended to impart to non-attendants a few of the outstanding features that characterized the Yosemite session. They reflect some of the fraternal and social activities that enhance the attractions of our annual sessions and are not recounted in the official minutes.

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An orchestra of fifteen pieces played California and popular music while the audience was assembling for the opening general session. At the hour of 10 a. m. on Monday morning when some 900 members were assembled, President Toland introduced Mrs. Fred B. Clarke of Long Beach who led the audience in singing "I Love You, California." By her gracious compliment to President Toland with her cultured voice, Mrs. Clarke fixed the keynote of the entire session—good fellowship and genial camaraderie.

At the President's Dinner on Tuesday night, 1,138 were served in the main dining room. There was an overflow of 235 in the Ahwahnee dining room and over 600 were served at Yosemite Lodge. Doctor Kress, as toastmaster, was in his customary efficient fettle. During the dinner Doctor Barnard of Los Angeles supplemented—no, exceeded the Park Strollers—by his artistic renditions on the accordion. "Barney" is appointed as master of ceremonies at the 1936 Coronado meeting. Would we could describe the ladies, their gowns and charms. Surely was a style show and a lovely moonlight night. All too soon the dance orchestra "signed off."

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Doctor Don Tressidor, president of the Ahwahnee Curry Company, Manager Goldworthy, Assistant Manager Rossington—in fact, all of the Park's official family were indefatigable in seeking to supply every want.

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"This night was not made for slumber"—so the president's program read. Just 1,600 agreed.

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Woman's Auxiliary—certainly the session would have been somewhat quiet were it not for their inspiring initiative. California medicine needs, yea requires, such feminine inspiration. Every acknowledgment is made for their coöperative assistance.

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The last paper on Thursday afternoon in the Surgical Section held an audience of fifty members. In its two sessions the House of Delegates devoted nine hours in deliberating association problems and policies. Reference Committee Nos. One and Two devoted all of Tuesday and Wednesday in hearings, reviewing reports and drafting recommendations. Every member is indebted to these delegates for their unselfish and untiring service. Watch for the July issue which will contain the minutes, and be sure to read them.

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The Council held five sessions, the Department of Public Relations, two.

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Much credit is due the officers of the Woman's Auxiliary for the splendid programs of that organization and for their aid in the social functions. Mrs. Loren Chandler broke the golf course record for women. Her card of twenty-six was certified to by "Yank."

In spite of ten feet of snow on Glacier Point, 4,000 feet above the floor of the valley, the Park management put on the "Firefall" every night, a beautiful spectacle.

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Many members failed to take the trouble to register—our estimate of attendance, 1,600, is based on hotel and camp reservations.

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The Cancer Commission Conference on Sunday morning was attended by forty-seven members. This conference is an important feature of the program and is creating more interest each year.

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Our sixty-fourth annual session is now a matter of record and a memorable occasion for those who attended. Plans are already underway for our sixty-fifth session. Coronado in 1936 is now our watch-word. Plan to attend.

F. C. W.

STATE AND COUNTY SOCIETY ACTIVITIES

SIXTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

In Yosemite National Park, midst a setting of nature's making, our Association held its sixty-fourth annual session on May 13-16, under the presidency of Clarence G. Toland.

On Sunday, May 12, under the auspices of our Cancer Commission, some fifty-one members engaged in a Pathological and Radiological Conference. The Council held its first meeting Sunday evening.

Beginning with the opening general meeting to the last session on Thursday afternoon, some 1,600 members and their friends were participants in the scientific and social programs. Had accommodations been available, a registration of 2,500 would have been recorded.

The official minutes will appear in the July issue. Advance announcement is made, however, of the following elections:

President-elect—Edward M. Palette of Los Angeles.

Speaker of House of Delegates—William W. Roblee, Riverside.

Vice-Speaker of House of Delegates—John H. Graves, San Francisco.

Chairman of Council—T. Henshaw Kelly, San Francisco.

Secretary-Treasurer and Director of Public Relations—F. C. Warnshuis, San Francisco.

Editor—George H. Kress, Los Angeles.

Councilors—First District, C. L. Emmons, Ontario; Fourth District, A. E. Anderson, Fresno; Seventh District, O. D. Hamlin, Oakland; Councilors-at-Large, Harry H. Wilson, Los Angeles; Morton R. Gibbons, San Francisco.

American Medical Association Delegates—Elbridge Best, San Francisco; Lyell C. Kinney, San Diego; Fred B. Clarke, Long Beach.

American Medical Association Alternates—Robert S. Stone, San Francisco; Harry H. Wilson, Los Angeles; A. J. Scott, Los Angeles.

Coronado was chosen as the 1936 meeting place.

The California American Medical Association delegates were unanimously instructed to place in nomination the name of Dr. George H. Kress for the vacancy on the Board of Trustees of the American Medical Association. Watch for the July issue for complete details of this annual session.

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DELINQUENTS

By-Law provisions prescribe that every member whose current dues remain unpaid on April 1 shall be placed on the suspended list. Such a member loses all of his membership benefits and his name is removed from this publication's mailing list. Reinstatement may be obtained by paying the annual dues to the county secretary.

On April 1, this year, 890 members became suspended. Since then 184 have been reinstated. County secretaries have been commendably diligent in collecting and remitting dues. They can render additional service by calling upon their delinquent members and inviting them to reinstate themselves.

Out of some 10,000 physicians in the State, 5,159 are affiliated with their county and State organizations. It is estimated that there are some 1,500 physicians eligible for membership who are not members. The Council invites every member to make an effort to secure the affiliation of these non-members. Urge your fellow physician who is not a member to join his county society in order that our Association may represent at least 80 per cent of the eligible physicians in California.

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THE NEED OF A WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

A number of the members of the medical profession, particularly those who have not been active in the organization field, have expressed doubt as to

the need of a Woman's Auxiliary to organized medicine. To those who carry the burden of the duties of office, there comes a realization that there is a necessary and vital place which the wives of doctors can fill.

In these days of changing social conditions and the development of a new social philosophy, there must be created some link or liaison between our organized units and society in general.

The busy doctor does not have the time to make necessary contacts with various legislative bodies, with the press and with all the numerous organizations that exist in any given community. These groups are interested in the problems of medicine and we doctors should be interested in their problems. We are often condemned for our narrowness of community vision. We have failed often to present to the community our work, our beliefs, our policies and our standards.

Each county society needs an auxiliary for this definite community objective—rather than for social purposes. Persons eligible for membership are: Doctors' wives, mothers, sisters, and daughters.

We invite the interest of doctor's wives so that they may be auxiliary not only to the medical profession but also to the public.

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AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION ECONOMIC CONFERENCE

At the February special meeting of the American Medical Association House of Delegates a resolution was adopted directing the Bureau of Economics to study and devise a plan or plans that would enable county and State units to provide medical care to certain groups of people and to submit a report at the June meeting of the American Medical Association.

The executive officers and the director of the Bureau of Economics issued a call for a conference to be held in Chicago on April 27. Some twenty-five states were invited to send representatives. Such an invitation was received by the California Medical Association. Our Executive Committee appointed Dr. Benjamin Black of Oakland as California's representative. By request Doctor Black has prepared the following general report. Further reports will appear in *The Journal of the American Medical Association*. Our members are indebted to Doctor Black for his time and services and expressions of appreciation are hereby recorded. Doctor Black's report follows:

To the Executive Committee of the California Medical Association:

I received Secretary Warnshuis' note of April 29, 1935, this morning just after my arrival home. The trip was pleasant. I left here as scheduled on Thursday evening, arriving in Chicago late Friday afternoon and left there last night at 6:15 p. m., reaching here before 9 a. m. this morning. It was a rather difficult trip but it does permit one to cover territory in record breaking time.

There were probably twenty-five physicians representing as many county or state societies and a number of lay secretaries representing such associations in attendance. In addition, Doctor Biering, president of the Association, Doctor West, Doctor Fishbein, Doctor Hayden and others spent part of the time with us. The conference convened rather promptly at 9:30 a. m. under the chairmanship of Dr. R. G. Leland and continued until about 5:30 p. m. in the afternoon, running through the noon hour, as we all had luncheon together. The conference was rather well planned and it began with a free discussion of the various medical plans including special fee schedules that have been adopted, plans for the care of the indigent, particularly the Iowa plan, whereby specified sums are paid quarterly through the county medical society from the particular unit of government having to do with indigents; also plans having to do with pre-payment of medical care where medical service bureaus had been set up as in Fulton County, Georgia, largely covering the practice in Atlanta; likewise the hospital association plans in the State of Oregon and similar plans being worked out by the State of Washington. A formal presentation of the plan recently adopted by the District of Columbia was presented by Doctor Wilson and Mr. Garrett. The Wayne County, Michigan, plan was presented, as were all sorts of minor activities classified under the names of plans by various other persons speaking for county societies. This included, as you will appreciate, the regulations governing clinic and dispensary admissions, the manner of handling emergency relief to physicians, and other allied activities in which county societies formally participated.

I was invited to present the Alameda County Plan which I did informally, but left a rather carefully prepared state-

ment of the plan and its operation for the purpose of record. I also presented in less detail the San Diego County Plan, and made reference to the work being done in San Joaquin County, Fresno County, and Los Angeles County, particularly the so-called San Fernando Plan.

I left with them such information as I had covering more detail than the discussion would permit.

One was impressed with the fact that from the reports it would appear that almost every type of service is being supplied through county medical societies from an admission bureau which also handles pre-payment and post-payment of medical bills as found in the District of Columbia to frank voluntary periodic payment basis plans as found in Atlanta, Georgia. The officials of the American Medical Association seemed very anxious to secure all of this information. There was no critical attitude manifest against any of the proposals submitted and the entire conference freely discussed each proposal as it was submitted, asking questions for purposes of enlightenment with an apparent intense desire on the part of each to understand the movement which seems to be going on throughout the country.

It was proposed in the general discussion that the office of the American Medical Association would digest these various proposals for the purpose of making a submission to the House of Delegates in June. It became evident in the conference that the American Medical Association could not rightfully adopt any plan with the idea of standardizing such an activity in all the counties covered by the Association. The conference passed but one resolution which in effect stated that plans now in operation by county societies or that were contemplated, should comply with principles adopted by their respective State Associations which in the announcement of principles would follow the general policy laid down by the American Medical Association.

In addition to the ten principles adopted by the House of Delegates in Cleveland in 1934 for the guidance of county medical societies in the conduct of medical service experiments, it was recommended that the following principles be incorporated for any society that contemplated the development of a plan for local application:

1. That a preliminary study be made to determine the necessity or need for any change.
2. That the patient should have freedom of choice of physician.
3. That the plan should be completely controlled by the county medical society. This did not require that all the officials conducting the plan should be physicians, but that sufficient physicians should be on boards of directors or otherwise in control to write the policy.
4. That medical fees for low income groups should be based on ability to pay rather than minimal fee schedules.
5. That there should be a definite plan for a fair determination of the patients' ability to pay.
6. That there should be some centralized system of records and bookkeeping.
7. That any plan should contemplate complete medical service.
8. That the administration of any plan should provide for a service charge for operation of office and should also provide reserve for emergencies or catastrophic loads.
9. That there should be recognition of standing of medical specialties and resistance to exploitation by corporations of any type.

There was presented to each member of the conference a suggestive outline relative to the preparation of a medical society plan covering in some detail these points.

It is my own opinion that the conference was very valuable; that it allowed, perhaps, for the first time, a complete and full discussion of the various so-called plans in operation. I profited greatly. My own participation was well received and many comments were made upon all of the medical activities in California, particularly the Alameda County Plan as presented, the standards adopted by the State Association, and there was considerable discussion relative to the proposed compulsory insurance bill now pending before legislature.

B. W. BLACK, M. D.,

Representative for California.

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POSTGRADUATE CONFERENCES

The second postgraduate session in our course was held at Riverside last night and it was a complete success notwithstanding the fact that the Southern California Medical Association held a two-day session last Friday and Saturday at Arrowhead Springs and the State meeting coming next week. We had over a hundred men in attendance.

Some good clinical material was supplied and the instructors made good use of their opportunity. I would strongly urge other societies undertaking such a course to insist that the teaching be clinical rather than didactic. Our Riverside meeting was a distinct improvement over the San Bernardino one where cases were not furnished.

Very truly yours,

W. W. ROBLEE, M. D.

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION MEETING

The annual meeting of the American Medical Association will be held in Atlantic City the week of June 9. The following California Fellows appear on the scientific program: Melvorton E. Trainor, Los Angeles; Maurice L. Tainter, San Francisco; Windsor C. Cutting, San Francisco; Andrew B. Stockton, San Francisco; E. Hines, San Francisco; Paul D. Foster, Los Angeles; William E. Stevens, San Francisco; John C. Wilson, Los Angeles; Pierre J. Walker, Los Angeles; F. L. Reichert, San Francisco.

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PHYSICIANS' CONTRIBUTIONS OF SERVICES

The Council has directed that information be obtained that will disclose the sum of money represented by the services that are being rendered by physicians on the staffs of county hospitals. These doctors receive no remuneration for their services to the patients in county hospitals. They are rarely given recognition for their services by those in control, and the public does not know that no payment is made to the attending and visiting physicians. It is felt that the public should be informed.

A questionnaire covering the subject was sent some two months ago to every county society for the purpose of securing this information. To date fifteen questionnaires have been returned. While not wholly accurate and in some instances incomplete (because no records are kept), the returns supply a general insight as to what the profession is contributing in services for which they receive no returns. The following figures deal with fifteen counties and do not include San Francisco. They do include Alameda and Los Angeles counties.

Cases admitted to county hospitals.....	109,669
Out-patient departments	736,744
Operations performed	45,130
Surgical fees equivalent.....	\$2,749,222.00
Medical visits equivalent.....	\$574,323.00
Medical clinical equivalent.....	\$433,345.00
Obstetrical fees equivalent.....	\$55,300.00
Total services in fifteen counties.....	\$4,509,450.00

These figures are based on fifty-cent clinic visits, two-dollar medical visits, and an average charge of \$50 for operations.

Annual reports of hospital boards and officers stress in considerable detail the services rendered by their hospital. Scant and often no reference is made, nor is recognition given to the services rendered by the attending staff. This is an injustice. It should be remedied. The suggestion is made that hospital staffs draw attention to this fact and respectfully request the hospital management to prominently acknowledge to the public the services and its value that the medical staff is contributing to the county.

While this comment relates to county hospitals it also is pertinent to private hospitals admitting non-paying patients. Contribution in services by physicians in almost every community exceeds the public's contributions to Community Chests—often threefold. Cite these figures to your hospital management in order that full credit may be given where credit is due.

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PUBLICITY

The development of sound public opinion in regard to scientific and preventive medicine is one of the responsibilities of county and state medical organizations. Much of the public's misconception in regard to disease and treatment is largely due to misinformation.

During the past three months the Secretary's office, through the Association Publicity representative, Mr. Silverman, has been releasing four articles a week to some 250 California newspapers. These releases consist of 200 to 300 words that set forth accepted facts regarding diseases, treatment, or preventive measures. The public is being furnished with dependable facts.

Clipping returns indicate a wide publication of these releases. Many personal inquiries from lay people have been received; one day there were seven such

inquiries. The following letter reveals that which is being accomplished by this publicity activity:

To the California Medical Association:

Through the press, I have been informed of a discovery made by a member of your organization for the growing of undeveloped children through the use of insulin injections.

The doctor of my boy, who is very small for his age, is very much interested in this matter and has asked me to write you as he does not know English. He would be very much obliged if you would send us details of the treatment and results you have obtained.

I am writing you by air mail and beg you to reply the same way and I will gladly refund the postage or any other expenses.

Thanking you in advance, I beg to remain,

Yours very truly,

S. E. ALTAMIRANO.

Address: Salvador E. Altamirano, Convención 1220, Montevideo, Uruguay.

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AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENTS

In 1934 some 36,000 persons were killed and nearly a million injured by reason of automobile accidents. This is an increase of 16 per cent over 1933. Speed is credited as the greatest factor. Of the drivers involved, 3.16 per cent are reported as being intoxicated. Five out of every eight pedestrians killed were involved while crossing in the middle of the street, crossing against signals, or darting from behind cars.

Bill Holman proffers the following suggestions:

Check the wheel; make sure that a loose nut is not holding it.

Do not race trains to crossings. If it is a tie, you lose.

Beware of "green" drivers on red lights.

If you must have a blowout, have it at home.

A pedestrian is a man who missed the payments on his car.

A wheel in the hand is worth two in the head.

As the sun goes down, cut your speed.

Every automobile driver must be made to become a safe and sane driver. Doctor, you can set an example.

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WORTH PONDERING OVER

The borderline 'twixt faith and fanaticism is indistinct. Likewise, that between salutary self-interest and sordid self-indulgence.

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Cynicism subtly employed, is often mistaken for argument.

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"Facts" are less stubborn than are the self-deceived who claim to be in possession of them.

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There is in existence a slogan, "Look up not down, look out not in, look forward not backward, and lend a hand."

This may be modernized as follows:

Look out to avoid danger.

Look in before denunciations of others or approbation of self.

Look up if studying the stars or watching for an airplane.

Look down when negotiating a perilous trail.

Look forward, as a rule, lest one should inadvertently bowl over an approaching pedestrian, but glance backward from time to time if you reside in Washington, Chicago, or Sacramento, and lend a hand to the deserving.

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"We see in the future a dawn of brighter hope for mankind, of better health for men and women, of happy, sturdy growth for little children. Toward this

dawn that is to come, the men of medicine and scientists are moving; the thousand of research workers in their practices and clinics. With endless patience and devotion they search, in many lands, but with a united purpose, that mankind may have life more abundantly. In the field of preventive medicine alone, they have brought us marvelous victories—victories over typhoid and scarlet fever, diabetes, diphtheria, smallpox, yellow fever. And in this future dawn, man shall live in joyful health and vigor through his full span of life by reason of the services rendered by the scientific man of medicine."

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Axioms of yesterday fall before the revelations of today.

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL*

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House of Delegates:

The Council submits this report, transmitting to the House of Delegates the principle features of the work of the Council and of the Association during the year 1934-1935.

An extraordinary demand has been made upon the Council during the past year by the many unusual matters that have arisen that have had to be met by the best efforts of this Council. Nine meetings of the Council have been held during the year instead of the customary two or three sessions. The minutes of these meetings have been published in CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE and are part of this report.

Some of these matters with which the Council has had to deal will be taken up seriatim and with the recommendations that the Council makes to this House of Delegates.

The Committee of Five.—The Committee of Five, created by the 1934 session of the House of Delegates at Riverside, is conducting a very comprehensive survey of the economic aspects of illness in California.

In cooperation with the California State Board of Health some \$86,000 was secured from the SERA for field work and certain types of office work. The Council, in obedience to the resolution creating the Committee of Five, appropriated \$32,750 for the work of the committee, necessary for the effective supervisory investigative and skilled statistical work required for the proper conduct of the survey.

Preliminary and supplementary reports were submitted by the Advisory Economic Council and the Survey staff to the special session of the House of Delegates on March 2, 1935, at Los Angeles. At this session the Committee of Five also presented a majority report signed by four members, and a minority report signed by one member.

Because of delay, not within the control of the Council or the Committee of Five, the completion of the survey was not attained before the opening of the 1935 Legislature. After a joint meeting of the Senate Interim Committee, the Committee of Five and the Council on January 19 and further communication with the Senate Interim Committee, based upon discussions had at the aforesaid meeting, the Council called a special session of the House of Delegates to meet at Los Angeles on March 2 and 3, 1935.

The purpose of this meeting was to express an opinion upon health insurance in California, based upon the material then available from the survey and the report of the Committee of Five. The necessity for this expression was created by the fact that the Senate Interim Committee was required to make its report to the Senate and was anxious for such expression from the California Medical Association.

In order that a maximum representation of the component county societies might be had for the expression of the Association's attitude upon health in-

* The report of the Council was not printed in the "Pre-Convention Bulletin" of the April issue, in order that the status of legislative and other matters as of the date of the Yosemite annual session might be noted. The complete minutes of the House of Delegates will be printed in the July issue.

surance, the Council, following the lead of the American Medical Association at the special session of its House of Delegates in Chicago in February, 1935, defrayed the travel expenses of the delegates from the funds of the Association.

The action of the House of Delegates upon the majority and minority reports of the Committee of Five, which reports were published in the minutes of the meeting of the House of Delegates, is known to all and resulted in the creation by resolution of the Committee of Six, charged with the task of cooperating with the Senate Interim Committee and of safeguarding health insurance legislation according to the principles set forth in that resolution.

The report of that committee will be made by the committee to the House of Delegates.

Initiatives Nos. 9 and 17.—The chiropractors and naturopaths succeeded in placing upon the ballot, in November, 1934, two initiatives which would have given them almost unlimited rights in the practice of medicine in public institutions, etc. They brought every effort to bear to pass these.

It was only by the most intensive effort and the use of speakers, handbills, letters, radio and all obtainable newspaper publicity that the initiatives were decisively defeated at the polls.

The Council considered very deeply the import of these initiatives and concluded that every resource of the Association must be used for their defeat.

In pursuance of this purpose, \$14,500 was expended for radio time and various types of literature for distribution. In this matter the Council received the valuable and effective cooperation of the Public Health League of California and expressed its thanks to that organization.

Other Legislation.—The subject of legislation at the 1935 Legislature will be covered in the report of the Committee on Public Policy and Legislation, Junius B. Harris, chairman. Other phases will be contained in the report of the General Counsel.

Legislation in Relation to Voluntary Health Insurance.—The Council believes that in looking to the future of medical practice in the State of California, the House of Delegates must consider the possibility that compulsory health insurance legislation may not be passed at the present session of the legislature.

The Council believes that the House of Delegates, at this session, should consider whether the Association should seek passage of a bill, by proper amendment, to provide a means whereby a voluntary system of health insurance might be instituted in California by component county societies or the California Medical Association if public demand render it desirable to do so.

In order to bring this matter before the House of Delegates for discussion, if it so desires, the Council presents the following resolution:

WHEREAS, At some later date, the California Medical Association or some of its component county societies may desire to develop plans for voluntary hospital or complete health insurance; and

WHEREAS, At the present time the laws of California make this development very difficult and at the same time provide no direct control of such practice; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Council of the California Medical Association is hereby instructed to secure, if possible, the passage of a bill providing, in the opinion of the Council, for the proper development and safeguard of voluntary health insurance plans in California.

Secretary-Treasurer.—On October 1, 1934, Dr. Frederick Cook Warnshuis assumed the office of secretary-treasurer, Dr. Emma W. Pope having resigned after eleven years of devoted and untiring service to the Association.

Dr. Benjamin Black of Oakland having been offered the position and because of good and sufficient reasons having had to decline it, it was found that Doctor Warnshuis, long-time secretary of the Michigan State Medical Society and Speaker of the House of Delegates of the American Medical Association, was available. After consideration, and in view of the mass of work confronting the office of the Association dealing with the approaching initiatives, health insurance, and

other medico-economic problems, making a wide experience a very valuable asset to the Association, Doctor Warnshuis was offered the positions of secretary-treasurer and Director of Public Relations and accepted.

He has made numerous contacts with various component county societies and has carried the office of the Association through the busiest time of its existence smoothly and efficiently.

When the press of the legislation is done, he will visit all of the remaining county societies and their officers so that an invaluable personal contact will exist between the offices of the Association and all of its component county units.

Finances.—The expenditures of the Association this year have been unusual and large, and have cut deeply into its reserves.

While health insurance, the survey of the Committee of Five, and Initiatives No. 9 and No. 17 accounted for most of the expense, it is evident that the Association cannot continue on an unchecked course of expenditure such as has characterized the past year.

The Constitution and By-Laws protect the funds of the Association from undue expenditures upon the part of individual officers. The Council suggests that serious thought be given by the House of Delegates before any further expenditures, unknown in amount at the time, are authorized by the House of Delegates outside of the usual control provided by the Constitution and By-Laws and that the House go on record as supporting the Council in any future refusal to assume obligations of actions begun by members or component county units of the Association without consultation with or permission of the House of Delegates or the Council of the Association.

Needless to say, the Council considers the reestablishment of the 1933 financial status of the Association funds of prime importance and calls the attention of the House of Delegates to the necessity of further calls upon the reserve funds of the Association now held by the Trustees Of The California Medical Association, a corporation, to defray expenses of the Association in 1935.

Budget.—The Council submits the following budget for the approval of the House of Delegates, it having been submitted by the Auditing Committee, approved by the Executive Committee and the Council:

BUDGET—1935-1936

Estimated Income:

1. Membership dues—5,200	\$52,000.00
2. Earned interest	100.00
3. Herzstein bequest	750.00
4. Advertising income	20,000.00
5. Commissions	500.00
6. California and Western Medicine subscriptions	500.00
7. Reprint sales	1,500.00
8. Sales of books	180.00
9. Estimated income	\$75,530.00

Estimated Expenses:

10. Public Relations	\$ 1,000.00
11. Postgraduate work	1,500.00
12. Legislative expense	4,400.00
13. Committee expense	1,000.00
14. Legal expenses	6,000.00
15. Fair exhibits	1,000.00
16. Annual meeting	1,000.00
17. Delegates, American Medical Association	1,500.00
18. Woman's Auxiliary	150.00
19. Council travel expense	750.00
20. Executive Committee travel expense	500.00
21. Printing California and Western Medicine	20,000.00
22. Editor's salary	4,000.00
23. Journal assistance	2,800.00
24. California and Western Medicine miscellaneous	500.00
25. Rent	3,500.00
26. Telegraph	300.00
27. Stationery supplies	1,000.00
28. Postage	750.00
29. Office supplies	250.00
30. Express and cartage	100.00
31. Stenographic services	6,000.00
32. Travel expense	1,200.00
33. Office files	250.00
34. Director Public Relations' salary	4,000.00
35. Secretary's salary	6,000.00
36. Publicity estimate	3,000.00
37. Reserve	6,080.00
38. Estimated expenses	\$78,530.00

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT CONCERNING BUDGET

1. It is estimated that by a persistent campaign and individual correspondence we can bring membership up to the 60 per cent standard of the country.
2. Because of depleted reserve the interest earnings may not equal this amount.
4. There is good reason to believe that advertising income may be increased. Advertising is being resumed and now accounts are obtainable.
5. From the Coöperative Medical Advertising Bureau.
6. By eliminating certain exchanges subscriptions will be increased.
7. Earnings obtainable from Reprint sales.
9. Gross income of at least \$75,530 is a reasonable estimate.
11. To cover expenses of Extension Lectures, Postgraduate Council District conferences.
12. Self-explanatory.
13. To cover printing and expenses of all Standing Committees.
14. Self-explanatory. May be less, if extra legal services are not required.
15. Equals expenditures of 1934.
16. Arbitrary amount. If the estimated sale of exhibit space is realized there will be a profit and not an expense for the annual meeting.
17. Increased because the American Medical Association meeting is in Atlantic City.
18. Auxiliary request.
- 19 and 20. These two amounts should cover travel expenses of Council meetings and monthly Executive Committee meetings.
21. Printing cost is on basis of 1934.
24. For feature issues and to cover binding, stationery, telegrams and similar editorial and business expenses and binding volumes.
25. Under terms of executed lease.
27. Stationery, membership certificates, county report blanks, envelopes, etc.
28. Includes all correspondence of all departments, mailing certificates and lay correspondence.
31. Present schedule.
32. Secretary's State travel to county societies, Council meetings, postgraduate conferences. Items to be approved as to amount in each instance by Auditing Committee.
33. It is purposed to build a Reference Library so as to have immediately available reference facts, thereby obviating writing to the American Medical Association and State organizations and delay while waiting for replies. Cost will be for files and reference indexes and classification.
36. This is an estimated reserve that will be increased in amount as savings are made in the appropriated items. The Association should plan to place about 10 per cent of its gross revenue into reserve and so rebuild its assets which have been expended this year in two major activities.

Note.—No expenditures will be incurred when the individual appropriations are expended. Additional expenditures must await action by the Council, upon recommendation of the Auditing Committee.

Dues.—The Council recommends to the House of Delegates that the dues for the year 1936 be set at the present amount of \$10.

Legal Department.—The Council, by resolution on December 22, 1934, created a committee to survey the legal activities and expenditures of the Association for the preceding five years. This committee consisted of Doctors Roblee, Kiger and Gibbons, and after a thorough study it submitted the following report which, with its recommendations, is made a part of this report.

This report was printed in *CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE*, April, 1935, page 321.

Maternal Welfare.—The American Committee on Maternal Welfare, Incorporated, is an outgrowth of a Joint Committee on Maternal Welfare established many years ago by action of the American Child Health Association, asking coöperation of the American Gynecological Society, the American Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, and the Section on Obstetrics and Gynecology of the American Medical Association, in the formation of a joint committee to promote the cause of maternal welfare.

The organizations represented by the present American Committee on Maternal Welfare are:

American Association of Obstetricians, Gynecologists, and Abdominal Surgeons.

American Child Health Association.

American College of Surgeons.

American Gynecological Society.

Section on Obstetrics and Gynecology of the American Medical Association.

American Public Health Association.

Central Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

Chicago Maternity Center.

Children's Bureau, Department of Labor.

Maternity Center Association of New York.

Pacific Coast Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Southern Medical Association.

The major program of the committee now is to secure the formation of committees in all of the states for the furtherance of maternal welfare.

The American Committee has one of two plans in view:

First: The formation of a committee by each state society in the American Medical Association; and failing of this in any state, second, the appointment by the committee of members in a given state to form a committee to further the development of a maternal welfare program.

In the opinion of the Council, the first method is the desirable one because the development of a maternal welfare program will be in the hands of the California Medical Association, in coöperation with the American Committee on Maternal Welfare, instead of in the hands of a committee responsible only to a national organization other than the American Medical Association.

Unquestionably, the advancement of maternal welfare is a matter which can well receive the attention of the California Medical Association, and in furtherance of the plans proposed by the American Committee on Maternal Welfare the Council recommends the adoption by the House of Delegates of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The American Committee on Maternal Welfare, composed of representatives from the various professional and social organizations in the United States interested in increasing maternal care and the reduction of maternal and infant mortality, has embarked upon an extensive program in the United States; and

WHEREAS, There can be no question that the work contemplated by this committee is desirable and, if effectively carried out, will result in great benefit to both the public and the profession; and

WHEREAS, In the opinion of this House of Delegates, the work can best be done in California by the coöperation of the California Medical Association with the American Committee on Maternal Welfare; therefore be it

Resolved, That a committee of five members of the California Medical Association from the section on Obstetrics and Gynecology be appointed by the Speaker, this committee to serve until the next annual session of the California Medical Association, to elect its own chairman and secretary, and to coöperate with the American Committee on Maternal Welfare in the development of a program for the advancement of maternal welfare in California; and be it further

Resolved, That such reasonable expense be allowed this committee as shall be authorized by the Council.

Charters.—This Council recommends that charters be issued to: The Sacramento Society for Medical Improvement, the Lassen-Plumas-Modoc County Medical Society, and to the Mendocino-Lake County Medical Society.

Respectfully submitted,

THE COUNCIL OF THE CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION,

By T. Henshaw Kelly, *Chairman*.

COMPONENT COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETIES

MONTEREY COUNTY

The regular meeting of the Monterey County Medical Society was held Friday evening, May 3, at the Hotel Del Monte. After the dinner a short business meeting was held in which SERA policies were discussed. The rest of the evening was left for the speaker of the evening, Dr. George Warren Pierce of San Francisco.

Doctor Pierce gave a very interesting and instructive talk on *Burns* and on the surgical repair following severe skin injuries. Lantern slides were used to good effect in illustration of this very fascinating subject.

WILLIAM H. LAWLER, *Secretary*.

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ORANGE COUNTY

A very lengthy meeting of the Orange County Medical Association was held at the usual time and place in the Orange County Hospital on May 7.

The new constitution was unanimously accepted and two amendments proposed, namely, the raising of the initiation fees from \$2 to \$10, and raising the local dues from \$2 to \$5.

The matter of paying city taxes was brought up, and it was felt that perhaps it was not quite just to have to pay a city tax as well as a State tax. The matter was referred to the Public Relations Committee.

Conforming to the new constitution, the election of an editor for the bulletin took place. Dr. Lawrence Cameron of Santa Ana was unanimously elected.

The first reading of the application of Dr. Thomas B. Rhone of Orange was read.

By ballot, Dr. H. Milton Counter of Buena Park was unanimously elected to membership.

Doctor Curtis reported that the Antivivisection Bill had been killed in committee.

There was some discussion on the Health Insurance Bill and considerable expression of opinion against it, as it apparently has gone through a number of changes.

Mr. Robert Speed, the manager of the newly formed Orange County Medical Bureau was present and spoke on the plans being rapidly formed and carried out for the desired functioning. This bureau is composed of the majority of the members of the Orange County Medical Association and, among other things, it will serve as a collection bureau, rating bureau, etc. Doctor Johnston of the committee read the Articles of Incorporation, and it was unanimously agreed that this corporation be formed as outlined in the Articles of Incorporation.

Llewellyn E. Wilson gave the scientific paper of the evening. His subject was *Report of the Orange County Hospital Poliomyelitis Epidemic in 1934*. Doctor Wilson is the medical resident physician of the Orange County Hospital. His talk was very interesting, and it would indicate that the 1934 epidemic was of new form or an evolution of this disease. Doctor Sutherland, the county health physician, remarked on the splendid work of Doctor Wilson and the hospital staff in this epidemic. A unanimous expression of appreciation was extended to Doctor Wilson and the hospital for his splendid work and self-sacrifice in the 1934 poliomyelitis epidemic.

WALDO S. WEHRLY, *Secretary*.

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PLACER COUNTY

A special meeting of the Placer County Medical Society was held at the Freeman Hotel, Auburn, on Saturday evening, May 4. The meeting was unique in the history of the Society in that it was not called by the secretary. The secretary, being unaware of the purpose of the meeting, was kidnapped and, by means of drugs and false promises, was taken by force to the Freeman Hotel where, upon his arrival, he found that a complimentary dinner in honor of his approaching elevation to the presidency of the California Medical Association had been prepared. There were present, on this delightful occasion, the following members and visitors:

Members—Dr. Louis E. Jones, president; Doctors C. E. Lewis, P. D. Barnes, Lucas W. Empey, Robert H. Eveleth, L. B. Barnes, J. Gordon Mackay, W. M. Miller, Max Dunievitz, W. A. Vinks, C. C. Briner, J. A. Russell, D. M. Kindopp, Ray C. Atkinson, and Robert A. Peers.

Visitors—Doctors F. F. Gundrum, A. M. Henderson, H. M. Kanner, F. P. Brendel, C. B. Jones, F. N. Scatena, Edward Babcock, Norris R. Jones, D. F. Dozier, all of Sacramento; Dr. Thomas C. O'Connor of Murphy, Dr. C. A. Wayland of San Jose, Dr. H. B. Trimble of Oakland, and Doctors E. H. Falconer and Sidney J. Shipman of San Francisco.

Dr. Max Dunievitz acted as toastmaster and master of ceremonies.

The banquet might well be described in the language of the immortal diarist, Samuel Pepys: "And after greeting them, and some time spent in talk, dinner was brought up, one dish after another, but a dish at a time, but all so good; but, above all things, the variety of wines (and excellent of their kind), I had for them, and all in so good order, that they were mightily pleased, and myself full of content at it; and indeed it was, of a dinner of about six or eight dishes, as noble as any man need to have, I think; at least, all was done in the noblest manner than ever I had any, and I have rarely seen in my life better anywhere else, even at the Court."

Between courses there were short talks by each of the members and visitors, in which many complimentary things were said regarding the guest of honor. In fact, they were so complimentary that the latter felt the speakers must have been thinking of "some other fellow."

Following the banquet the guest of honor was "booked and caned." The book was a beautifully bound copy of Dr. William Macmichael's "The Gold-Headed Cane," which was presented, on behalf of the group, by Dr. Ernest H. Falconer, who gave a short history of "The Gold-Headed Cane." Doctor Mackay then presented the secretary with a gold-headed cane, an exact replica of the one described in Doctor Macmichael's work, and carried by Radcliffe, Pitcairn, Baillie, Mead, and Askey.

At this point there was read a telegram of congratulations from Past Presidents Reinle, Hamlin and Harris, and Secretary F. C. Warnshuis, General Counsel Peart, and T. Henshaw Kelly. The tone of the telegram indicated very clearly that the boys were enjoying thoroughly their own Merritt Hospital picnic at Doctor Reinle's ranch at Calistoga, Napa County.

The meeting broke up in the early morning, with the secretary returning to his home feeling very happy.

ROBERT A. PEERS, *Secretary*.

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SACRAMENTO COUNTY

A regular meeting of the Sacramento Society for Medical Improvement was called to order by the president, Dr. Orrin S. Cook, on January 15, at 8:30 p. m. The meeting was held at the Elks Temple. Sixty-three members and guests were present.

The paper for the evening, *Trends in Modern Medicine*, was delivered by Dr. Frederick C. Warnshuis, secretary-treasurer of the California Medical Association. The paper included an interesting discussion on the present status of social medicine and what is expected in its development in the immediate future.

Appreciation of the paper was voiced by Doctors Edward Babcock, Henderson, Becker, Saeltzer, C. B. Jones, Dozier, and Cook.

The secretary read the board of directors' report and introduced the new president for 1935, Dr. Orrin S. Cook.

Doctor Cook announced the committees to serve during 1935:

Publicity Committee—Doctors Dozier, O. F. Johnson, and Phillips.

Program Committee—Doctors Ankele, Becker, and Ruddy.

Banquet Committee—Doctors Norris Jones, Iki, and Schluter.

Public Relations Committee—Doctors Wallerius, Christman, Burden, Lawson, and Kanner.

Communications were read. The matter of malpractice insurance was discussed, and it was suggested

by Doctor Schoff that the matter be referred to the attorney of the California Medical Association.

Doctor Scatena reported for the Constitution Committee.

Doctor Babcock gave a short talk on the activities of the Sacramento Tuberculosis Association. It was moved and seconded that the Public Relations Committee confer with Mr. Johnson of the Tuberculosis Association. Motion passed.

Doctor Soutar gave a report on the legal requirements of physical education in the public schools and asked for closer coöperation by physicians in regard to allowing excuses from physical education classes.

A regular meeting of the Sacramento Society for Medical Improvement was called to order by the president, Orrin S. Cook, at 8:30 p. m. on February 19 in the Elks Temple. Seventy-five members and guests were present.

Mr. Harold McCurry of the Sacramento Chamber of Commerce gave a ten-minute talk, outlining the plans which the Chamber has for the future and requesting the coöperation of the medical society.

The paper of the evening was given by Dr. William Dock, associate professor of medicine at Stanford University Medical School. He gave an interesting and instructive talk on *Heart Disease Beginning in Patients Late in Life*. He spoke of the involuntary changes taking place in the arteries and muscles of the heart of an elderly person and compared them with the graying of the hair. The treatment of these diseases of the heart was outlined. The paper was illustrated by case reports and lantern slides.

The paper was discussed by Doctors O. F. Johnson, Gundrum, and Reardan.

The application of Dr. Francis J. Cox was read for the first time. The application of Dr. Loris E. Curtis was read for the second time and voted upon. Doctor Curtis was unanimously elected to membership in the Sacramento Society for Medical Improvement.

FRANK WARNE LEE, *Secretary*.

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SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

The regular monthly meeting of the San Joaquin County Medical Society was held in the Medico-Dental clubroom on May 2. The meeting was called to order at 8:15 p. m. by President C. A. Broadus.

A supper meeting was held at the Hotel Clark at 6:15 p. m. at which there were twenty-six present, including two guests. The papers of the evening were presented by Doctors Collis, Rosasco, and D. Powell. Doctor Powell spoke on the present status of the *Social Security Insurance Bill*.

The minutes of the preceding meeting and of a meeting of the board of directors were read and approved.

The application of Dr. Martin Karr of Sonora for membership was read and referred to the Membership Committee.

Doctor Sheldon reported on the communication from the Stanislaus County Medical Society relative to the x-ray fee schedule.

Doctor Kaplan submitted the report for the Committee on the SERA.

Doctor Broadus reported on an organization meeting of the Ethics Committee, which was held at a supper meeting at Doctor Barnes' residence, and announced that Doctor Kaplan had been appointed chairman for that committee.

Doctor McGurk announced that the family of our deceased member, Dr. L. R. Johnson, was unveiling a memorial plaque on May 26 at 2 p. m., in the Sierra, three-fourths of a mile from the Big Trees Hotel.

Doctors Karr, Rosasco, and Stewart were introduced from the floor.

The first scientific paper of the evening was given by Dr. Daniel G. Morton on *Toxemias of Pregnancy*. He

spoke on the importance of the early recognition of those conditions and emphasized that the weighing of the patient, blood pressure determinations, and urine examinations should be done routinely and frequently. He also touched on their treatments. The second paper was given by Dr. J. L. Carr. His subject was *Pathologic Lesions Caused by Toxemias of Pregnancy*.

The papers were discussed by Doctors S. Sanson, P. B. Gallegos, M. Goodman, L. Collis, F. Doughty, D. G. Morton, and J. L. Carr.

President Broadus then announced that the June meeting would be held at the new Basque Hotel.

There being no further business to come before the Society, the meeting was adjourned at 10:12 p. m. and refreshments were served.

G. H. ROHRBACHER, *Secretary*.

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SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

The regular meeting of the Santa Barbara County Medical Society was held in the Bissell Auditorium of the Cottage Hospital on Monday evening, May 13, Vice-president Gray calling the meeting to order.

The speaker of the evening was Dr. A. C. Reed, professor of tropical medicine, University of California. He gave an extremely interesting and instructive talk on *Amebiasis*, covering the diagnosis and treatment, with particular stress on the importance of efficient public health measures. He also touched lightly on several of the other tropical diseases that would probably soon be found in California. The paper was discussed by Doctors Freidell, Roome, and Preuss.

Following this a film showing the development of *malaria* was shown.

The Society then went into executive session, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Doctor Steele reported for the Tuberculosis Committee, and it was moved, seconded and carried, that the secretary invite Mr. Higbee, secretary of the California Tuberculosis Association, and Miss Carlson, field worker, to come to Santa Barbara to assist in the organization of a Santa Barbara County Tuberculosis Association.

The secretary made a report on the questionnaires returned by the doctors, and it was moved by Doctor Stevens, and seconded, that a committee of five be appointed to segregate the various opinions expressed in the questionnaires and report back to the Society. An amendment to the motion was then moved, and seconded, that Doctor Stevens be a member of this committee. Carried. The original motion was put and also carried.

WILLIAM H. EATON, *Secretary*.

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SISKIYOU COUNTY

The last meeting of this Society was held at the Yreka Inn on Sunday, April 28. The committee to consult with the local SERA head was appointed, consisting of Doctors V. Hart, A. H. Newton, and Campbell.

A resolution was passed to wire State Senators McGuinness and Dan Williams and Assemblyman Fulcher that Siskiyou County Medical Society unanimously approves Senate Bill 454. Members were cautioned to pay no attention to the postals sent out by the State Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. C. C. Dickinson and Dr. Victor Hart, delegate and alternate to the State convention, were instructed to oppose the reduction of fees by the State Compensation Insurance Fund.

Doctor Newton read a paper, *A Case of Gas Bacillus Endometritis and Its Successful Treatment*. This was enjoyed by the Society and the members of the newly formed Auxiliary.

The next meeting will be held in McCloud on May 26.

LESLIE J. SEBLEY, *Secretary*.

SONOMA COUNTY

The Sonoma County Medical Society held its regular meeting on May 9 at the Sonoma State Home. Forty-five members and guests were present.

Dr. F. O. Butler, medical director of the State Home and president of the County Medical Society, was host, and entertained the members and guests of the Society in his usual gracious manner.

Following a marvelous repast, the regular meeting of the Society was held in the institution's auditorium. After transacting routine business and receiving three new applications for membership, Dr. S. H. Fredrickson, anesthetist for the Home, presented a paper upon *Spinal Anesthesia*, she having administered, during the past two years, over seven hundred such anesthetics with very satisfactory results.

The meeting was well attended, the program enthusiastically received, and all went home feeling that the evening was well spent.

W. C. SHIPLEY, *Secretary*.

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TULARE COUNTY

The regular monthly meeting of the Tulare County Medical Society was held at Motley's Café in Visalia on Sunday, April 28, at 6:30 p. m. The Dental Society of Tulare-Kings County met with us as guests of the Society. Dinner preceded the meeting.

Dr. Ray Rosson presided at the meeting and welcomed our guests. The minutes of previous meetings were read and summarized with regard to the activities of the Committee on Hospitals. The Tulare County Board of Supervisors entertained the findings of the committee as submitted in the last minutes on April 16, and after a brief discussion voted three to two against the plan. Mr. Patterson and Mr. Allenbaugh were in favor of the proposed plan, and Messrs. Elliott, Armstrong, and Oliver, against it.

The pamphlet on the Health Service Insurance Act was referred to the Public Relations Committee for a report.

Doctor Rosson read an invitation from County Dairy Inspector Howard Smith to visit the laboratory at Tulare.

Dr. John S. Glenn was elected to membership in the Society, and Dr. J. Tracy Melvin's name was proposed for retired membership.

The subject of placing professional cards in the local newspapers, under a Society membership listing, was referred to the Committee on Public Relations for an opinion.

A letter from the SERA Administration was read and a committee is to be appointed to take care of this matter.

Doctor Furness proposed, and the motion was seconded and carried, that a uniform fee system be established for examination in cases of "drunk while driving": Examinations, \$5; appearance in Justice Court, \$5; appearance in Superior Court, \$10.

Notice of this adopted schedule is to be sent to all members and to Attorney McCormick.

At the conclusion of the business session the meeting was turned over to the program for the evening. Dr. John Lloyd of Lindsay, president of the Tulare-Kings County Dental Society, responded for the dentists.

The guest speaker for the evening was then introduced by Dr. W. W. Cross of Oakland. A former Visalia practitioner, A. E. Sykes, D. D. S., of Oakland, member of the Academy of Periodontology, presented a splendid paper on *Dental Radiographic Interpretations*. Lantern slides were used in illustration. The subject dealt chiefly with calcium and phosphorus metabolism and the endocrine aspect of the findings as interpreted from x-ray studies, and opens a very important consideration in coöperative dental and medical attention to the patient. In conclusion, Doctor Cross

spoke briefly on the *Endocrinologic Relationships*. General discussion and questions followed the paper, and a rising vote of appreciation was extended Doctors Sykes and Cross.

KARL F. WEISS, *Secretary*.

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YOLO-COLUSA-GLENN COUNTY

The Yolo-Colusa-Glenn County Medical Society met in regular session at the Hotel Riverside in Colusa on April 24.

After the dinner the following business was transacted. A motion was made by Doctor Woolsey that a protest be made to the Industrial Accident Commission against the change in the fee schedule. This motion was carried, and Doctors Woolsey and Nichols were appointed to draw up and send such resolutions to the Industrial Accident Commission.

The SERA relief program was discussed, and Dr. Fred Fairchilds of Woodland, Doctor Walker of Willows, and Doctors Keith and Rathbun of Colusa were appointed to contact the Relief Administration officials of their respective counties and perfect a local medical relief program.

The secretary was instructed to write the State SERA, giving the names of these committee chairmen.

Dr. Edwin I. Bartlett of San Francisco gave a very interesting lecture, illustrated by slides, on *Tumors of the Breast*, giving the physiology, various types of pathology, and then giving, in a general way, the surgical treatment of these conditions.

The meeting was adjourned to meet in Willows in June.

RAY E. NICHOLS, *Secretary*.

CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP

New Members (47)

Fresno County.—Klenner F. Sharp.

Los Angeles County.—

Samuel K. Bacon
Irving E. Benveniste
Lewis P. Bolander
James E. Burns
R. J. Cary
Carl F. Doehring
Nona Gilbert
W. Ray Henderson
Dorothy Hewitt
Harry H. Jacob
Carvel James

Arthur R. Jewell
Paul B. Kinney
Herman Lando
H. Ross Magee
C. W. Reeder
Joseph Rosenblatt
Hilliard E. Smallberg
Paul T. Southgate
Maxwell J. Wolff
W. W. Woods
F. B. Zombro

Orange County.—H. Milton Counter.

Riverside County.—Fred A. Clark, James B. Oliver.

San Bernardino County.—Darnell E. Hayhurst, Joseph S. Hayhurst.

San Diego County.—Howard A. Ball, J. B. Eneboe, Milo B. Fuller, Homer D. Hoskins, J. B. McConnell.

San Francisco County.—Donald G. Davy, Joel H. Hanson, Ernest William Henderson, Robert E. Hughes, Donald Eliot King, Paul D. Michelson, Isabelle H. Perry, Victor E. Putnam, James Francis Shea, Lloyd B. Shone, Harold G. Watson.

Santa Clara.—Anthony J. Monty.

Tulare County.—William A. Winn.

Yuba-Sutter County.—Philip Edward Thunen.

Transferred (5)

Marcel R. Bedri, from Monterey County to Los Angeles County.

Bertrand S. Frohman, from San Francisco County to Los Angeles County.

Jack C. Hill, from Imperial County to Riverside County.

Henry Hoagland, from Los Angeles County to Riverside County.

John A. Pearson, from Los Angeles County to Montana.

In Memoriam

Hatch, Willis Grant. Died at Santa Cruz, April 16, 1935, age 66. Graduate of Rush Medical College, Chicago, 1897. Licensed in California in 1921. Doctor Hatch was a retired member of the Santa Cruz County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and the American Medical Association.

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Kapp, Russell William. Died at San Jose, May 5, 1935, age 36. Graduate of Hahnemann Medical College of Philadelphia, 1925, and licensed in California the same year. Doctor Kapp was a member of the Santa Clara County Medical Association, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY TO THE CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION*

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REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT—FOR YEAR 1934-1935

My dear Coworkers:

It is with a feeling of sincere humility that I write my swan song as President of the Woman's Auxiliary to the California Medical Association.

A group of exceptionally loyal and untiring presidents have left records of marked achievements. The work done under their leadership has been so far-reaching and successful that this office carried with it a challenge of accomplishment.

When I assumed my duties last May I fully realized the earnest effort that must be put forth to make this year under my administration measure up to the standards of other years.

I could not have begun my work if I had not had the confident expectation of the coöperation of our entire membership—and in this I have not been disappointed. Whatever of real achievement has been ours this year is due in large measure to this coöperation.

We have grown to a point where we are no longer a group of a few workers, but an organization that stands out as an example of what enthusiasm and united effort can accomplish.

In reviewing the work of the past year, it shall be my endeavor to summarize our activities, mindful that each standing committee chairman will develop for you the work of her department and each county president will herself record the achievements of her own group. I ask for your full attention to the reports when read, as they will bring to you in clear, concise detail whatever of accomplishment has been ours. In digressing from the usual precedent of incorporating in this report of mine the activities of the various committees and counties, I have but one thought in mind—to give each one of them the full credit that is rightfully theirs, of passing on to you first hand the records of their endeavors and achievements. Furthermore, at

* As county auxiliaries to the Woman's Auxiliary to the California Medical Association are formed, the names of their officers should be forwarded to Mrs. Elmer Belt, chairman of the Publicity and Publications Committee, 2200 Live Oak Drive, Los Angeles. Brief reports of county auxiliary meetings will be welcomed by Mrs. Belt and must be sent to her before publication takes place in this column. For lists of state and county officers, see advertising page 6. The Council of the California Medical Association has instructed the editor to allocate two pages in every issue for Woman's Auxiliary notes.

the proper time, opportunity will be given for recommendations and your consideration of plans for future work.

In recording the highlights of the year, I am reminded of the encouragement that was mine when, in late May, a splendid group of women under the leadership of Mrs. N. N. Brown organized an Auxiliary in Kern County. I regarded this new unit as a happy augury in the beginning of the year.

Some days later I left to attend the national convention in Cleveland. The memory of that visit still lingers as perhaps the most enlightening and stimulating experience of the year. From the rather exhaustive report made after my return, you may have gathered that my reactions indicate it is not only desirable but almost imperative that an incoming state president should have the privilege of attending the national meeting which closely follows our own annual session. The contacts with national officers and other state presidents are invaluable, and at once inject the personal equation into the national perspective. In my case it vitalized my viewpoint and gave me added assurance that California was and is a necessary cog in the big national wheel.

On my return from Cleveland the good news reached me that Mrs. Sargent had effected the organization of an auxiliary in Santa Clara County. A splendid group now numbering seventy-eight members. Mrs. Sargent may well be proud of this baby of hers. We all look for great things from Santa Clara, which at this time is the sole unit representing the fifth district.

Contacts have, perhaps, been our most tangible assets. It was our good fortune to be invited and to have served as hostesses for the annual convention of the American Public Health Association in Pasadena, in September. Many members of the State Board and representative women from near-by counties gave generously of their time and effort and I may add, during unprecedented heat, to make this occasion both successful and memorable. Considerable time was given to the detailed preparation of our program during the summer. In this I was most fortunate in having as co-chairman, Miss Florence Burger of Pasadena, with whom I have been associated in civic work over a period of years. While not a member of the Auxiliary nor even remotely eligible, she possesses a medical consciousness that prompts sustained interest and activity in our field. I should like to record the appreciation of our organization for her service last fall. That the part played by the Auxiliary was a definite contribution to the American Public Health Association is best evidenced by the resolution of appreciation received from the Association some days later.

In November I made a trip to San Francisco to confer with Doctor Warnshuis, secretary of the California Medical Association. We are most fortunate to have so staunch and understanding a friend in the State official family. He was most gracious, interested in our problems, and offered his support and coöperation. You may recall that Doctor Warnshuis as Speaker of the House of Delegates of the American Medical Association presided over that group when, in 1922, Texas presented the resolution to form the National Woman's Auxiliary.

The matter of much needed additional space in CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE was taken up at Mrs. Belt's request by Mrs. Scatena and myself during our visit to San Francisco. Mrs. Belt made the request to Doctor Kress, who replied that this was a matter for the Council to determine. Mrs. Scatena and I then called upon Dr. T. Henshaw Kelly, chairman of the Council. He expressed his appreciation of the excellent work of our editor and indicated that when the matter would be presented to the Council, it would receive his approval. Subsequently, our request was granted and two full pages are allocated for our use in each issue. Space in this JOURNAL is at a premium and we are most appreciative of their generosity. Our editor now has an opportunity to present items of national and State interest as well as the reports of our county meetings. Mrs. Belt, duly authorized by the

State Board, prepared and presented in December the initial number of our State news-sheet, the *Courier*. To Mrs. Belt I give the fullest measure of praise and appreciation for this very creditable endeavor. She has brought to us and to our state organization by her own initiative and able execution a new and lasting thought of great inspirational value. Perhaps I may be pardoned at this point, a fitting tribute to her—an excerpt from a quotation recently sent me by Mrs. Chester Teass of San Luis Obispo. "A great deal of joy of life consists in doing perfectly, or at least to the best of one's ability, everything which one attempts to do. It is this conscientious completeness which turns work into art. The smallest thing well done, becomes artistic." The lines may be from William Mathews, but the thought that inspired them might well have been my own, as expressing with fidelity, the character of everything that Mary Ruth Belt undertakes.

The second edition of the *Courier* has recently appeared and gives added promise of fulfilling even to a larger degree the purpose for which it was designed. I hope that our little paper has earned for itself a permanent place in your Auxiliary heart.

At the board meeting in September, a resolution was adopted suggesting the advisability of making each county year correspond with the state year, and to that end we asked that the annual meetings of counties take place in May or June. The advantage of this procedure is obvious. It is gratifying to know that the majority of counties have responded favorably. This change will make for a better synchronization of work between county and state, and afford each county president the opportunity of making her full year's report at the annual convention.

Medicine is largely controlled by non-medical factors—harmful legislation and insidious propaganda by persons ignorant of the status and possibilities of medical science. Scientific medicine has advanced to a place of value never approached heretofore, yet it is not held in the esteem it deserves, or even that which was accorded it years ago. Thus we have the paradox of the greatest of all professions advancing in efficiency but declining in so-called popularity. It is, therefore, one of the prerogatives of every member of the Auxiliary—a definite duty—to aid in preventing and correcting adverse criticism. Through sustained public health education we can do much. We should be, as doctors' wives, the liaison between the profession and the lay public, strive at every turn to make the status of the medical man clear, to promote a better understanding of the problems that confront the profession at this time. As an example of what value we may be, let me refer to the call to arms early last autumn, when we were asked to marshal our forces in an attempt to defeat two insidious measures that were on the State ballot, initiatives number nine and seventeen. Much credit—well earned—is given the women of the Auxiliary by the California Medical Association, the Public Health League of California and many county medical units, for the outstanding service rendered which resulted in the defeat of the Naturopathic and Chiropractic measures at the fall election.

There is every reason to believe that the increase in our membership is indicative of, first, a normal, natural growth; second, a keener interest, perhaps, by some who have been sitting on the side lines waiting to see if the objectives and ideals of our organization synchronize with their own before they would join our group, and, third, the sustained activity of the membership committees throughout the State to bring into our Auxiliary those women who, through no fault of their own, were unmindful of the opportunities of service to the cause of scientific medicine which it is our devout wish to offer. One of our national past presidents is quoted as saying, "A good healthy report on organization and membership shows that a State is in a healthy condition." Perhaps this year the California climate will receive all the credit!

To Mrs. William H. Sargent I wish to express particular gratitude for her work as chairman of the committee on membership and organization. She has

carried our message into many counties, and has the promise of additional organized units this coming year. I believe her efforts are of inestimable value. She has the Auxiliary in her blood stream and is equipped with unusual ability to "sell" the Auxiliary idea. It is heartening to consider the unselfishness of Mrs. Sargent in her willingness to continue her invaluable service on the board after years in executive positions. I salute her fine spirit and her achievements, and am grateful.

Our Public Relations Committee has presented an outstanding program this year, and has been entirely successful in the consummation of plans for increased activity in every county. The field is a large one and an open one. The very nature of the work demands as a leader, a woman of vision, initiative and ability, who recognizes the resources of a few and the limitations of many county units, and who will not demand or expect the impossible from any. Mrs. Barrow has carried on in a superlative manner, injecting into her work the enthusiasm and optimism for which she is known to be richly endowed. I believe that this year will show better results because of the coöperation she has had from the county public relations chairmen, which is a necessary factor in the correlation of a program of such vast possibilities. Mrs. Barrow has laid the foundation for great work in this field and has intelligently interpreted the need of our sustained interest in an active contact with other organized groups. In thanking Mrs. Barrow for her endeavors I am only voicing the appreciation of every member of the Auxiliary.

There is noticeable a splendid spirit of coöperation and an increased interest in health education matters, as is evidenced by the added number of requests that have come to us for information as to the subject matter for health programs in the schools, women's and civic organizations. I am happy to say that a "Health Institute" is to be incorporated in the fall program of one of our southern counties, San Diego, and another in the north, Alameda. The idea, sponsored by Philadelphia, should prove of great value, and it is my hope that it will find a definite and permanent place on the annual calendar of many counties in the near future. I thank Mrs. Howard for her part in this work.

Mrs. Sutherland has inspired greater efforts in all matters concerned with public health activities and has by her contacts strengthened our position, and stressed the need for closer relationship with those organizations which share with us a common interest.

We are deeply indebted to Mrs. Baxter and the members of her committee for increased interest in *Hygeia*. Their reports are most gratifying, showing that California's quota has been exceeded this year. However, we do not feel that the official health magazine of the American Medical Association has received the recognition it deserves. How best to stimulate interest and increase subscriptions still remains a problem. With a membership as large as ours, surely it is not too much to expect an average of one subscription to each member, or perhaps ask each member to be responsible for one subscription. The members of the *Hygeia* Committee have worked diligently and intelligently and are deserving of immeasurable praise for their sincere efforts.

We have been particularly fortunate in our recording secretary, Mrs. Henderson. Her work has been carried on with meticulous care, and into every detail she has fused a charm that has come to her through the gentleness of her personality and the understanding of doing her work well.

Correspondence of the year has, perhaps, made the greatest demands on many of us. A large portion has fallen to the lot of Mrs. Spiers, who has carried on with a smile and with her usual efficiency. I knew full well when she accepted my one and only appointment last May, that she would contribute much comfort to me personally, and leave a creditable record of service to the State organization. I can assure you that both contracts have been graciously carried out.

Our finances have been in the safekeeping of our esteemed treasurer, Mrs. Scatena, for the second year. With increased membership, her work has increased, and by the same token, we trust our balance may have taken on added weight. Mrs. Scatena's report will give you the story in her own word figures. I cannot emphasize enough the importance of her responsibilities or the value of her contribution to the Auxiliary, which we all acknowledge with affectionate appreciation.

Our historian this year, Mrs. Coulter, will present her story in a new garb. Until recently we have had a combination scrapbook and history. Frankly, in our opinion, these two records are deserving of separate settings. The history belongs to the historian and should be preserved with dignity and fidelity; the scrapbook belongs under the jurisdiction of the chairman of publicity, and should give evidence of the contribution of the press, both newspaper and magazine, of State Auxiliary activities, notices of meetings, convention data and other items of interest as the name of the book would imply. The scrapbook is at the moment in a state of transition, but when it appears next year at the convention, you may look for something creditable, the result of Mrs. Belt's labor of love.

Our State Board meetings have been well attended and at no time have we lacked a full quorum. Many county presidents have attended and expressed their pleasure in being included, and of having an opportunity to discuss county problems. An interchange of ideas is often valuable and still more often, quite desirable, and of mutual interest. My confrères on the State Board have carried the major portion of the burden of the work this year. Each officer has responded in a most gratifying manner to any request of mine for advice or assistance. My task has been a pleasant one, made so by the graciousness and kindness of my associates.

Six years have passed since the Auxiliary was organized. To me it seemed fitting that some recognition should be made of the work of those members who have contributed to our upbuilding, and who are no longer with us. Mrs. Percy in her "In Memoriam" today has inaugurated a memorial service which I believe should find a permanent place each year on our program.

The early spring of this year brought me a truly great moment, when a telegram came announcing the reorganization of San Luis Obispo Auxiliary. We all rejoice and welcome this splendid group back to the fold after a period of rest. For me, this action of theirs is a crowning tribute to the loyalty of old friends who have served well, and who by their renewed activity will reflect the importance of united effort in our organization.

Through the coöperation of the presidents of our southern counties, we have been able to respond to the request of the officers of the Southern California Medical Association for assistance at their recent session at Arrowhead Springs. The women from San Bernardino, close at hand, were called upon to assist in the various activities offered on the program. It is my pleasure to report that through Mrs. Arthur Walker and Doctor Roblee, a reorganization of the Auxiliary in San Bernardino is assured.

I wish to extend to Dr. William W. Roblee, chairman of our Advisory Council, my sincere appreciation for his coöperation at all times. He has been most generous in the time he has given me for conferences, has assisted our cause by making addresses to stimulate activity in unorganized counties, and in every way has contributed of his time and thought in the interests of the Auxiliary.

We are indebted to Dr. George H. Kress, editor of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, for many courtesies.

I wish to refer with deep appreciation to the hospitality that has been accorded me during the year by many county groups. I have enjoyed these meetings and am grateful for the joyous contacts on each and every occasion. Were it not for the physical limitations, I would have been able to visit every county, and

deeply regret my inability to accept the courtesies extended to me by Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo and Sacramento to meet with their groups in March and April.

I cannot bring this summary to a close without expressing a word of appreciation to our national president, Mrs. Tomlinson. While the distance of the entire continent separates us, she has been good enough to make us feel a real sense of nearness in her letters, and in her sustained interest and concern in all matters affecting California.

To Mrs. Clarke, who will so soon follow me, I bequeath the fulness of joy that has been mine in serving you, and added assurances of our loyalty and coöperation. May she, too, find a great content in the benediction of abiding friendships.

To you, each one, I say "Thank you."

HELEN STEWART DOANE.

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IN MEMORIAM

By Mrs. James Fulton Percy

On this, the occasion of the sixth annual meeting of the California State Auxiliary, it is appropriate that we should take notice of the workers among our members who have passed on and who, in the previous years, have added so much to the stability and purposes of this organization.

Our president, Mrs. Doane, in inaugurating this memorial service, has, with especial insight, consummated the unexpressed wish in our hearts that those of us who are still permitted to carry on, might pause for a moment and recall the worth and works of the departed for the general upbuilding of the Auxiliary.

Our first thought is that they were doctors' wives and, therefore, had learned to share with their husbands the sympathy, understanding and wider vision that is the progressive endeavor of every physician in his humanitarian work. In the memory of great, human, loving kindness, there exists the seed of an imperishable joy which proves itself a sufficient foundation for man's faith.

Life has a strange and mysterious way of deciding for us when the day's work is done, and records such as are left by these friends and members are an inspiration to those who come after to do their share for the common weal. The Prophet has said, "The days of human existence are as vanishing shadows." "Our life is scarce the twinkle of a star, in God's eternal day."

The foundations of life are still far beyond the reach of investigation but among its realities as we perceive it, is the sense of trust in continual goodness and abiding love.

In the majestic grandeur of this wonderful valley, with the mighty sequoias that have flourished while countless civilizations have come and gone, the aisles of the sounding pines, its silences and shadows and the whisperings of peace, its suggestion of every kind of abundance, replica of life itself, we dedicate this service of loving remembrance, not only to our own dear members gone but as well to those faithful husbands who also, though lost to sight, to memory are ever dear. So unto our beloved dead, who are not dead, belong the homages of song, for from their lives we draw anew our dream of immortality.

As we bow our heads during the reading of the names of these friends, who during the past year have answered the final summons, there must come to us, deep in our hearts, promptings to fresh endeavor, to renewal of inspiration to carry us on to wider prospects, that continued hope may come with the south wind and courage with the sunrise.

Alameda County—Mrs. O. D. Hamlin and Miss Anna D. Kohlmoos.

Contra Costa County—Mrs. C. L. Abbott.

Los Angeles County—Mrs. John R. Haynes.

Orange County—Mrs. H. W. Robertson.

Riverside County—Mrs. Arthur W. Miller.

Sacramento County—Mrs. Burt F. Howard.

San Diego County—Mrs. W. S. McCauslane.

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COMPONENT COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETIES

WASHOE COUNTY

The regular monthly meeting of the Washoe County Medical Society was held on the evening of May 14 in the State Building, Reno, Dr. M. A. Robinson presiding.

There was very little business to bring before the Society, except a resolution by Mrs. Alexander of Washington, D. C., who is on the national committee for federal legislation for birth control. Mrs. Alexander read a copy of the resolution with reference to birth control, such as was adopted by the national committee, and asked the Society to endorse it and send such endorsement to headquarters. The resolution was discussed pro and con, and the secretary was directed to correspond with the legal department of the American Medical Association to ascertain their opinion with reference to the same and report at the next regular meeting of the Society.

A resolution was read by the secretary, in substance directing the attention of the Society to the advisability of participating by prize donations or of helps to the students of the University of Nevada, especially those in the pre-medical department. The importance of the action suggested that the resolution be continued until the next meeting for final action.

There being no further business, the paper for the evening by Dr. John A. Fuller was called for. The subject of Doctor Fuller's paper was *Suppuration of the Middle Ear*. In substance, he said about as follows:

Probably no pathological condition causes more suffering and economic disaster than suppuration of the middle ear. It is estimated there are one million persons in the United States who are direct or remote sufferers from this affliction. The importance of this disease is that the general practitioner is the one who sees it first, and in many instances the treatment is of such temporary nature that before seen by a specialist damage to the middle ear and its structures is well under way. . . . It is readily seen that inflammation of this canal leads to swelling and occlusion of the tube, with the result that the tympanum becomes a walled-off cavity. This is exactly what happens in most cases of middle-ear infections. Pus sooner or later forms, and in expanding it follows the line of least resistance, with the result that the ear drum is ruptured. But in some instances the pus backs up through the additus, to the mastoid antrum, and then the patient has mastoiditis. It is true that not all cases go on to suppuration because, drainage being restored, pressure is removed and recovery follows.

A large majority of middle-ear infections originate in the nasopharynx; therefore the nose and throat should be inspected as being the principal etiologic factor. . . .

Symptoms were described, first, as a feeling of uneasiness, followed by lancinating pain. Fever and leukocytosis appear. Examination of the ear drum is imperative. This should be followed promptly by early drainage, if not by incision; then by such method or means as will cause shrinking of the nasal mucosa, thereby opening up the tubal orifice and restoring drainage.

The patient should be put to bed. The room should be warm and the usual treatment for any acute illness should be initiated. If seen early, in addition to the foregoing treatment, packing the entire external canal from the meatus to the drum lightly but firmly with plain cotton. This procedure immobilizes the drum

head and equalizes the pressure from within, and usually relieves the pain almost instantly. If not quickly relieved, hot moist compresses to the side of the head and lower part of the neck hasten dilation of the blood vessels and assists absorption. Doctor Fuller expressed his opinion positively as against the usual treatment by the use of ear drops, as such clog up the external canal and obstruct visualization of the drum. If after a few hours these measures are not successful, or should the drum show distinct bulging, then a paracentesis under general anesthesia is done, and this is followed by hot compresses. Infected tonsils and adenoids should be removed if the suppuration tends to become chronic.

When treated by empiric measures the tendency is for the patient to develop a chronic otitis media. This is one of the most distressing of all human maladies. The suffering is not only physical, but mental. The patient with this affliction is in the million class. The small child in school is considered dull because he is not able to comprehend what is said to him, and as he grows into adult life, deafness, which has a tendency to increase in intensity as the patient becomes older, frequently bars the individual from many of the avocations of life. The earnest intent of the physician should be when he encounters a case of otitis media to immediately call in competent surgical help to forestall a condition which, if allowed to continue, may cause death through its many possible complications, or at best leave the individual crippled for life by defective hearing.

THOMAS W. BATH, *Secretary*.

Essay on Recovery of Medical Prosperity.—The *Japanese Medical Journal* offered a prize for an essay on "How to Tide Over the Present Difficult Situation in the Medical Profession." In a six months' period eighty-three essays were received, most of them written by practitioners. The winners were recently made known. Dr. K. Nakadate won the first prize, 500 yen. In his essay he said that the causes of the present difficulties are, first, the surplus of physicians, which must be corrected by changing the system of medical education so as to divide the specialists and the general practitioners. The last two years in the medical college should be devoted to specialized education and the previous years to general education. A certificate for practice should be given after two years' practical training in approved hospitals after the student has finished the college courses. In the second place, any treatment done by those who are not physicians but are now sanctioned by the local governments should be entirely prohibited except when the practitioner recommends that they treat a patient under his personal guidance. Third, any health benefit associations organized under the pretext of lower medical fees should be dissolved, as they tend to commercialize the profession and prevent patients from exercising a free choice of physician. Fourth, the indiscriminate manufacturing of new medicines should be ended by careful regulation. The doctor with little experience is more apt to administer expensive new medicines and this is one reason for the high cost of medical care. The selling of medicine by practitioners has caused many complaints, and the lower classes are inclined to refrain from consulting the doctor lest they be obliged to pay too much. This is an essential cause of the present trouble, to say nothing of the general business depression. Fifth, medical advertisements, especially on the roadsides or in the stations or on roofs, should be utterly prohibited. They destroy dignity and induce the people to despise medicine. Supplementary education to promote the practitioner's knowledge should be published by the medical association in a periodical with the latest scientific research and clinical experiences of physicians. Concluding, he says that there should soon be established the most rational medical system. The tendency of regarding medical practice as a commercial product he despises. He holds that medicine is a benevolent art and should be practiced in this principle.—*Japan News Letter*.